

# BASEBALL

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Boxing Jeffries' Bitter Rival to  
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By WILLIAM FEET.

Walter Johnson has been ordered to report to Washington at once, and although up to a late hour last night Mr. Johnson had not replied to his telegram sent yesterday morning, the big twirler will probably be here by the end of the week.

Johnson left the Coast about ten days ago and landed in Coffeyville, Kans., where he has bought a farm, and according to a reliable source, he had been asked to say that unless he was paid the salary he wanted, he would refuse to report here this season and take things easy down on the "Dear Old Farm." He has returned his contract unsigned.

The writer had a long talk with President Noyes yesterday morning and learned that while Johnson had not come to terms with the Nationals as yet, he was in no sense a "hold out," and in order to simplify matters, the great pitcher has been asked to come to the Capital right away so that everything may be adjusted before the season opens, for Manager McAleer does not want a dissatisfied player on his team, and the club always stands ready to meet the demands of its recruits half way.

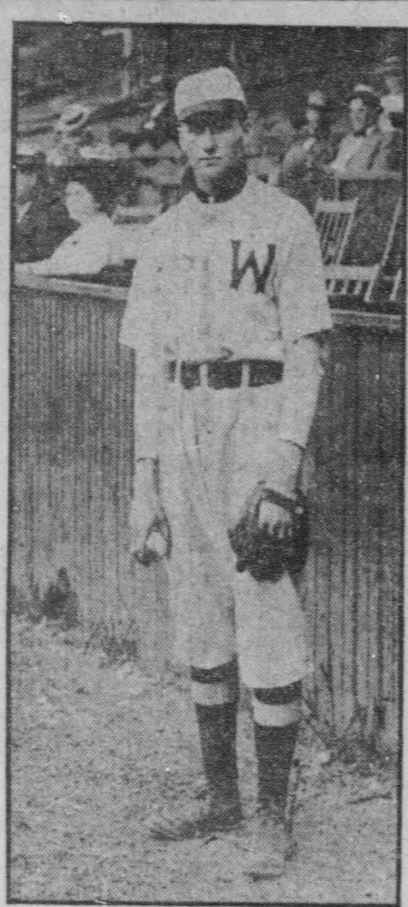
Johnson believes he is worth more money, and has been advised to get it if he can, although he stands to-day the second highest salaried twirler in the American League, contrary reports notwithstanding.

Johnson's letters to President Noyes are not those of a stubborn or disgruntled player, and that he has the best interests of the club at heart is shown when he signed Pitcher Hendricks, who will join McAleer's hopefuls later on.

When Johnson reaches Washington he and President Noyes will go to Norfolk for a conference with Manager McAleer, and there is little doubt that the great twirler's differences will be adjusted and that he will sign up, as the club is prepared to do the right thing.

In Johnson's latest letter to President Noyes he states that Pitcher Hendricks will not be here until some time in May, and adds that Hendricks is sure to make good; also that Hendricks has greater speed than he (Johnson). As Hendricks is not really needed before May, there is no objection on the part of the management to that young man's tardy appearance.

Instead of at Hot Springs, Va., Kid Elberfeld is at present at his home in



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Garrett Park, Md., where he was called last week on account of the illness of Mrs. Elberfeld. The Kid was forced to start training after the severe sickness of two of his children, and Mrs. Elberfeld succumbed to the strain of caring for them, and for a time it was feared she was dangerously ill. Elberfeld was hastily summoned, and will remain at home until he can be spared. As he is in mighty good shape physically, it is believed this enforced lay-off will do him no harm.

Chick Green, a well-known Washingtonian, who has been an enthusiastic rooter for the Nationals for more than ten years and who has always been a warm personal friend of Joe Cantillon, has just returned from a trip to Nor-

folk. While there he had a good chance to look the Nationals over. Mr. Green is enthusiastic over the team and Manager McAleer. He said:

"I believe Washington will finish this season in sixth place. Manager McAleer has perhaps the same players under Cantillon's wing last season, but he will get twice as much work out of them, for he knows how to handle them better. There is no dissatisfaction in the ranks now, and I am sorry to say that under Cantillon things did not go smoothly among the men.

"While in Norfolk I talked with each one of the players, and you should hear them praise McAleer. He has won them over completely, and they will work their heads off for him. I never saw such splendid spirit among a set of men."

Roy Witherup, the elongated twirler of the Nationals, reached Washington yesterday morning from Norfolk, and left last night for Youngstown, Ohio. Witherup fears that he has a twisted ligament in his throwing arm, and will take a course of treatment under the famous Bonsetter Rease.

Eddie Dugan, one of the best outfielders ever turned out of Georgetown University, has signed with the Trenton club of the Tri-State League, and according to advices received in Washington, he has been assured a regular place on the team.

Dugan played with the fast Witherup, Va., semi-professional club last season and in 1908, and made a record as a slugger in the Old Dominion. He has a host of friends in this city, and the news that he has landed in fast company will be well received. Eddie is a product of Connelville, Pa., and is well-known throughout the Hard Coal Belt.

The signed contract of Pitcher Joe Hovlik was received yesterday morning by President Noyes. Hovlik has been wintering at Oxford Junction, Iowa, and reports himself in splendid condition. He has been ordered to report at Norfolk as soon as possible, and will probably reach there the first of next week.

James S. Topham, the well-known trunk manufacturer, takes great interest in the Nationals, and as an incentive to good batting, has offered a costly English golf traveling bag to the player making the first home run on the local grounds this season.

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San Francisco Results.

First Race—Four furlongs. Ben Stone, 112 (Ret.), 5 to 1; won; Redondo, 112 (Keders), 15 to 1; second; Angel Pace, 108 (Rice), 8 to 1; third. Time, 1:24.5. Katerfeld, Cokeskill, Lady Rensselaer, Copperfield, Woodland, David Wardfield, and Catalina also ran.

Second Race—Three and one-half furlongs. Helen Barbee, 109 (Rice), 7 to 2; won; Aragonese, 109 (Keders), 10 to 1; second; Koma, 112 (Gross), 10 to 1; third. Time, 1:25.5. Mill Jones, Puritas, La Carmagne, and Othello also ran.

Third Race—Five furlongs. Balmora, 109 (Taglio), 9 to 5; won; Sewell, 114 (Monty), 11 to 5; second; Angel Pace, 108 (Rice), 8 to 1; third. Time, 1:35.5. Raleigh, Silver Knight, and Johnny Lyons also ran.

Fourth Race—One mile. Tremargo, 109 (Kandari), 5 to 1; won; French Cook, 109 (Vogel), 9 to 1; second; Humpus, 112 (Keders), 20 to 1; third. Time, 1:45. Roberts, Mr. Bishop, Steel, Nasmerio, Hines, Thomas Calhoun, and the Westler also ran.

Fifth Race—Six furlongs. Ampelo, 115 (Pags), 18 to 5; won; Indigo, 112 (Williams), 10 to 5; second; Black Sheep, 110 (Keders), 9 to 1; third. Time, 1:55.5. Gen. Haley, Sarcophaga, Tiffa, C. J. Cot, and Margaret Randolph also ran.

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